MONASTEREVIN PARISH NEWSLETTER BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

22nd December 2024

Mass Times

Parish Church

Saturday - 6.30 p.m.

Sunday - 9.00 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Our Lady's Chapel

Tuesday to Friday 10.00 a.m.

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Anniversaries/Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 21st December 2024, 6.30 pm Mass

Josephine Murphy, Ballykelly (Months Mind), Paddy Brennan, Passlands, Patrick Dempsey, Mountrice, Annie
O' Neill, John O' Neill, Aubrey Hope, Sean O'Neill Michael & Anne Eustace, Peter Eustace, Michael & Sadie Eustace, Morgan Drea, Michael Ryan, Lackagh, James & Hilda Coughlan, Coolnaferagh & Deceased members of the Coughlan Family, Pat & Jane Comerford, Ballynowlart, Bracknagh, Broughan & Sheela Donegan, Ballyshane Rathangan, Michael Kenny, Castleroan, Dunkerrin, Dan O'Connor, Kerry & England, Stephen O'Connor (Birthday Rem.), Kerry & London, Liam & Eileen McGlynn & Deceased members of McGlynn and Murphy Family, Helen & Frank Byrne, Rathangan & Deceased members of Byrne & Kenny Family, Noelle (Nelly) Maher, P.J. & Denis Maher, Maureen Weldon (née) Maher, Annie & Jim Maher formerly Mayfield, John Joe Quinn, Annie & Tony Quinn, Eddie & Rose Melia & Deceased members of Melia Family, John & Helen Kenna, Main Street & Deceased members of the Kenna, Kavanagh, Nolan, Delaney & Galvin families, Isaac J. Willoughby, Vasile Poncos, Patrick 8 Rosanna Keegan, Cowpasture, Peter & Catherine Clifford, Bracknagh, Dick Lonergan, St. Evins Park, William & Dina McConn, Molly McConn, Cowpasture, Jim & Mary McConn, Rathangan, Pat & Grandad Tom Malone, Quinsboro, Kevin & Elizabeth Flynn, John Joe & Benny Flynn, Rowanville, Kildare Town, Danny Buckley, Kildangan, John & Michael Flynn, Portlaoise, Mary P. McConn, Old Grange, Breda & Joe Sharpe, Mary & George Sharpe, Cowpasture, Joe Fennell, Old Grange, Jack & May O'Connor, Rathangan, Paddy Cunningham, Ballagh, Chrisie Walsh, Shanahoe, Robbie & Eva Sweeney, John & Margaret Patterson, Son & Marie Patterson, Trish & Sean Coady, Lawlor Family, Barraderra, Tom Breen, Ann Marie Harrison, 1383 St. Evin's Pk., Marie Harrison, Mary & Bill King, Ballyfarsoon, Josie Miller, Bridie Bailey, Harbour View, Moira Howard, Kildoon,

Sunday 22nd December 2024, 9.00 am Mass

Simon, Maureen & Margaret Holohan, Rahilla, Kildare & Deceased members of the Holohan family, Patrick
(Paddy) Donoher, Inchacooley, Elizabeth (Liz) Donoher, Inchacooley, Charles (Chas) Donoher, Inchacooley, Mary
Cox, Longford, Tom Cox, Longford, Joseph & Mary Dunne, Kill & Deceased members of Dunne Family, Martin &
Kathleen Stapleton, Moyanna, Deceased members of Bowe Family, Park Stradbally, Richy Kelly formerly
Allenwood, Jack, Bridgit, Paddy Walsh, Mountrice, Christopher Walsh, USA, Shiobhán Walsh, USA, Matt &
Noleen Walsh, Maryville Kildare, Mary Solveti, USA, Michael Johnson, Mountrice & Deceased members of
Johnson Family, Kilberry & Deceased members of Walsh family, Mountrice, Michael & Margaret Kelly, Kildare
Rd., Paddy & Dolly Johnston, Kildare Rd., Sr. Teresa Brigid & Angela Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan, Pat McKeon,
Arklow, Emmet McConville, Michael & Mary Jane Kelly, Kildare Rd., Paddy & Mrs. Kelly, Newtown, Rathangan,
Louis Duffy, Main St, Christopher Nolan, Patrick & Mary Cronin, Patrick & Eileen Holligan, Barraderra, Bernie
Holligan, Barraderra, Dick Holligan, Old Grange, Larry Holligan, St. Evins Park, Laurence & Hannah Feddigan,
Killenard, Pat & Kate Dunne, Lackagh, Mattie, Nancy & Jack McCormack, Nurney, M.J. & Joyce McCormack,
Nurney, Joe Fennell, Old Grange, Patrick, Rose, Johnny Kelly, Athy, Christina Maher & Deceased members of
Kelly & Brennan Families, Christopher McGlynn, Christie, Mag & Jack Murray, Eamonn Melia.

Sunday 22nd December 2024, 11.30 am Mass Patricia Kehoe, Nurney (1st Anniversary), Mary & Patrick Molloy, Nurney, Jim Forde, Millstream Avenue, Bernard & Joan O' Farrell, Killenure, Maurice & Sarah Meredith, Ann, Johnny, Elizabeth, Paddy, Deirdre & Stuart Meredith & brothers & sister in law, Elizabeth & Joseph Miller, Borraderra, May & Thomas Malone, Quinsboro, Pat Malone, Sis & Jim Lalor, Bridie, Joe & Brendan Reilly, England, Son & Paddy Miller, Borraderra, The Carroll family, Betty O' Connor née Miller, Skerries, Dublin, Mr. Greely, Moore Street, Monasterevin, Angela & Peter Broughall, Passlands, Diana Adams née Hackett, Monasterevin, Michael & Gracie Bowan, Ballickmoyler. Bridget & Joseph Doyle, Clogheen, John Gavin, Suncroft, Deceased Members of the Doyle & Gavin families, Seamus, Rose & Patrick Heavey, late of St. Evins Park, Tommy & Maeve Hall, late of St. Evins Park, Cora Jane Dowling/McGinley, Snipe Bog, Monasterevin/Glasnevin, Dublin, Betty Lucitt (née Dunne), late of Cowpasture, Patrick & Mary Mullins & Deceased members of the Mullins family, Gurteenoona, Maura & Peter Behan, Sons Michael & Peter Behan, Ard Mhuire, Bridget & William Behan & family, Riverrow, Denis & Bridget, Gorey, Elizabeth Kelly, Bill & June Holligan, Rutch & John Holligan, Simon Ridge, London, Michael & Julie Holligan, Julie & Mick Malone, Cowpasture, Ann & Patrick Hayes, Naas, Patrick Havens, Vera Cullen, Denis Cullen (Birthday Rem.), Julia & John Holmes, Annie, Mattie & Olive Knight, Elizabeth & Andrew Mahon, Lily Mannion, Kathleen & Jack Melia, Kathleen & Martin Carroll, Sr. Marian, Tom Conroy, Peggy & Mick Frawley, Margaret Patterson, Ann & Russell Holmes, Anna Sexton, Kildangan, Mary & Denis Meredith, Clogheen, Deceased members of Meredith Family, Clogheen, Thomas Barrett, Clogheen, Deceased members of Barrett Family, Clonbrin, John O'Neill, Clonbrin, Patrick & Elizabeth Keegan, Cowpasture, John Redmond, Cowpasture, Joseph & Myra Smith, Skirteen P. Foran Coolnaferagh, Martin & Josephine Fennell, Old Grange, Denis & Zena Fennell, Joe Fennell, Deceased members of Lovern family, James & Lucy Rowan, Nurney, James Rowan, Athy, Margaret Brereton, St. Evin's Park, Mary Harrison, Kill, Sadie Eustace, Cloney, Kildangan, Tom & Joan Brereton, St. Evin's Park, Angela Eustace, St. Evin's Park, Deceased members of Smyth family, Mountrice, Tom Fenlon, Lar, Mary & Vincent Melia Elizabeth Kingston, John Fitzpatrick, Kildare Rd., James & Joe Hassett, William Donoghue, Hybla.

> Christmas Eve 24th December 2024, 5.00 pm Children's Mass Thomas Sheridan.

Christmas Eve 24th December 2024, 9.00 pm Vigil Mass Mary Dunne, Kill.

Christmas Day 25th December 2024 9.00 am Mass
Pat Heavey, Cowpasture, Buddy Harrison, Murt Siney, Kill, Michael & Mary Collins, Gurteenoona.

Christmas Day 25th December 2024 11.30 am Mass Alice Dunne, Lackagh, Monasterevin Parish Lotto Draw Results: 17/12/2024 Numbers Drawn: 7, 8, 9, 23

Next Weeks Jackpot: €3,000 No Winner

Promoter

€30 Laura Comer	P. Kelly
€30 P. Cushen	Parish Office
€30 J. Doyle	M. Doyle
€30 Mick Donoher	R. McDonnel
€30 Claudia Poh	G. Harrison
€20 George Byrne	R. McDonnel
€20 Caitriona Miller	R. Callanan
€20 Adam Cullen	P. Duffy
€20 Ruben Pereira	G. Harrison
€20 Denis Callanan	R. Callanan
Next draw: 07/01/2025	

Winners

Thank you for continued support!

Ballykelly G.F.C. Lotto Draw Results: 16/12/2024 Numbers Drawn: 13, 18, 24, 27

Next Weeks Jackpot: € 1,600 No Winner

Winners	Promoter
€20 Bobby White	P. White
€20 Joe Tracy	G. Harrison
€20 Thresa Foley	M. Heavey
€20 Marie Heavey	M. Heavey
€20 Molly Keogh	J. Moore
€20 Ian & Aidan Kelly	G. Harrison
€20 Rita Callanan	M. Heavey
€20 Aly Abbey	G. Harrison
€20 May Sharp	G. Harrison
€20 Tracy Greed	J. Moore
Next draw:	23/12/2024

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MONASTEREVIN G.F.C. Weekly Draw Results: 13/12/2024

1st €100: Thomas McHale c/o: Earley's 2nd €50: Bridie Gratten c/o: Bingo 3rd €25: Hannah Morrissey c/o: Caroline 4th €25: Mollie Kelly c/o: Stephen Seller: Earley's Shop

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Saturday 28th December 2024

6.30pm: Ger Harrison, Dan Clancy, Fiona Farrell

Sunday 29th December 2024

9.00am: Davina Weldon, Sr. Angela, Sharon Hanley

11.30am: Ann Lonergan, Ann Whelan, Mary O'Leary

READERS

Saturday 28th December 2024 6.30pm: Sr Phil

Sunday 29th December 2024 9.00am: Sr Angela 11.30am: Betty Cleary

CHOIR

Saturday 28th December 2024 6.30pm: Victor Kennedy

Sunday 29th December 2024 11.30am: Eugene Nolan



Dear Parishioners,

As Christmas approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour, I am writing to wish you and your families a Holy and Happy Christmas.

I would like to thank all of you for your support in the last year. Your faith has strengthened my faith.

Christmas is a time for given and sharing gifts but the one gift that we can all give is the gift of our time. So, I would like to thank all who have given their time to making our Parish a welcoming Christian Community.

Unfortunately, with the Parish ever growing I find it difficult to meet and greet each and every one of you personally. We are also thinking of those of you who have family away from home this Christmas, be assured they are in my thoughts and prayers this Christmas.

Christmas can be a happy and a sad time. Many of our Parishioners have lost loved ones in the last year and they are especially in my thoughts during this Christmas time. I am also very conscious of the sick and housebound and for those who care for them my prayer is that God will be with them and those who care for them.

I would like to invite you all to our masses and services over the Christmas period. Christmas is the feast that reminds us that Jesus came among us as a vulnerable baby and that he is with us in all our vulnerability.

Wishing you and your families a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New ear.

Fr. Liam Merrigan

Monasterevin Parish Christmas Arrangements 2024

COMMUNION TO THE SICK & THE
HOUSEBOUND
MONDAY 23RD & TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY 24^{TI} DECEMBER
2.00 PM – 4.00 PM (IN CONFESSION BOX)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER
NO MASS - 10.00 AM
5.00 PM - CHILDREN'S MASS
9.00 PM - VIGIL MASS
(IN CANDLELIGHT WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR)

CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER
9.00 AM & 11.30 AM - MASS
(WITH PARISH CHOIR)

THURSDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER
NO MASSES

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY
10.00 AM & 7.30 PM

NOTICE

A list of those who died in the last year and are away from home for their 1st Christmas will be posted in the Sacred Space and Remembered in our Christmas Masses.

Weekly Collection

Envelope Collection: € 305.00 Baskets Collection: € 1060.00

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year from the Office Staff.

Adrienne, Simona, Fiona and Claudia

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE COLLECTION

I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Envelope Collection and also many thanks to the parishioners who kindly deliver the envelopes in their local area.

Also if you did not receive an envelope and would like to make a contribution to the support of the priests there are some at the back of the church.

Thank You.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

This Christmas Season Dear Lord, Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' name,

Amen.
— Melanie Chitwood

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd December 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;

let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Micah 5:1 - 4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps.79:2-3.15-16.18-19

- R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
- O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
 O Lord, rouse up your might,
 O Lord, come to our help.
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. [R]
- 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,

the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:5-10 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin:

then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,

'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:39 - 44 A reading from the holy Gospel

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit, May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son,

and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd December 2024

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Mary's first journey after the annunciation was to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who needed her help. Christmas brings the question to each of us, "who needs my help?"





The story of Mary going to help her cousin, an older lady who was now pregnant, is an ordinary story of the life of Mary. They were both pregnant. They both needed companionship and ordinary love. They needed to share the problems of

any expectant mother and also share their joy.

We could say of Mary she did ordinary things extraordinarily well — she wouldn't make the newspapers— just the two women giving a listening ear and the little helps a pregnant mother needs.

There are many little visitations in life – to be present with people when they need us in the family and the neighbourhood.

In doing that like Mary we bring the grace of God and the presence of the Lord...what you do for anyone you do for me...Jesus could think of his mother in saving these words.

In receiving Mary, Elizabeth was visited by Jesus. In the give and take of our lives we bring Jesus to each other.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Mary is very good at helping out. She goes to her cousin Elizabeth who is expecting a baby. She notices when people want more wine at a wedding. The angel asked Mary to listen. Mary always listens to our prayers and helps us to listen to each other.

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